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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Review of ONE Activities Since 7 November

1. Six NIE's were approved by USIB during the absence of the DDI (see attached list). Of the six, the two on Cuba were of special interest because of the high degree of policy interest in this situation. Within the USIB community itself, there also appeared to be some concern in military circles that the DCI was supporting the Castro group whereas the Army, at least, appeared to feel that the proper solution was to beef-up the Cuban government's military program, both in size and quality.

2. Four other estimates are ready for final USIB action on 23 December -- NIE 11-4-58; NIE 33-58, Turkey; NIE 41-58, Japan; and SNIE 100-13-58, Soviet Policy in the Berlin Crisis. The SNIE on Berlin was prepared in response to a Presidential request. Turkey and Japan are routine papers, both of which were ready last week and were held over in anticipation of the passage of 11-4 on 16 December.

3. NIE 11-4-58 has gone as well as could be expected with the main problems revolving around Bounder, the ICBM, and the general subject of Soviet military doctrine. Because of the delay in final passage of 11-4 we have postponed the London talks until 26 January.

4. ONE representatives have been sitting in on the review of the preliminary draft of the Standing Group paper. No serious problems have developed under the agreed procedures as of this date. Similar arrangements will soon be operative re the NORAD paper.

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5. [REDACTED] is convalescent following a kidney operation and expects to leave the hospital on 20 December. He hopes to return to duty in mid or late January.

Attachment

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